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FOR PROTECTING A COVER, A METHOD OF FITTING A COVER  
ON A PROBE, AND A METHOD OF MAKING A DEVICE FOR  
PROTECTING A COVER

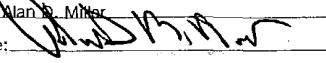
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Amendment to the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please add the following new paragraph:

Cross-reference to Related Applications

This patent application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/021,626, filed December 12, 2001, now allowed, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/522,516, filed March 10, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,350,232 B1, issued February 26, 2002, which claims the benefit of French Patent Application No. 99 03293, filed March 17, 1999, the contents of all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

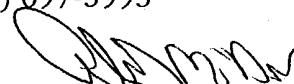
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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary  
Amendment.

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